

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: L. Andrew Koman, *et al.*
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Art Unit: 3733
Examiner: Michael J. Araj

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, the following amendments, along with accompanying remarks, are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant notes that the three month deadline for filing a response is September 22, 2006; thus this Response is timely.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.